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South African Radio League Suid-Afrikaanse Radioliga
Member Society of the International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

Special Event Station ZS3SKA

Listen out this weekend for the special event station, ZS3SKA, which will be on the air from the terrain where the biggest radio telescope in the Southern Hemisphere could possibly be built. The project is known as the SKA or Square Kilometre Array. The terrain is in the Northern Cape between Calvinia, Brandvlei and Williston. Construction has started on a smaller version of a radio telescope, which is known as Meerkat.

To bring this event to the attention of radio amateurs locally and internationally, a group of radio amateurs will run the ZS3SKA station from the SKA site from 23 to 25 October 2009. The call sign, ZS3SKA is registered for this event. The station will be active on the phone segments of 80, 40, 20 and 15 metres. A special QSL card will be issued to those radio amateurs who send their QSL cards via the bureau or direct to PO Box 273, Strand, 7139, South Africa.

For more information about the SKA, visit www.ska.ac.za

SARL Requests Doc to Add Amateur Radio to the Spectrum Policy Document

Following the publication of the draft radio frequency spectrum policy, the SARL has requested the Department of Communication to add more specific wording about amateur radio to the document as is the case with radio astronomy.

The SARL propose the following wording: "10.5 Government supports Radio Amateurs having continued access to their radio frequencies as designated by the ITU table of allocations necessary to continue the application of the radio spectrum for self development, investigation into radio science and radio wave propagation and the provision of emergency communication services and as a support medium to promote STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Maths) amongst the youth of South Africa."

As an explanatory note STEM has internationally replaced the term ICT - Information Communication Technology - as it better represents the broader requirements of industry, an area in which Amateur Radio can make a major contribution.

October

ZS10WCS operated by the Oakdale ARC

1 SARL 80 Metre QSO party
4 RSGB 21/28 MHz SSB
5 Schools open; closing date Heritage Day logs
6 World Habitat Day
10 AWA Valve AM QSO Party
11 AWA Valve SSB QSO Party
12/16 IARU Region 3 Conference, New Zealand
16 Boss's Day; CQ Hou Kers; Closing date 80 metre logs
17 Deepavali; CQ Hou Kers; Jamboree on the Air; Worked all Germany
18 Jamboree on the Air; Worked all Germany
17/19 IARU Administrative Council meeting, New Zealand
22 Radio Amateur Exam
24/25 CQ WW DX Phone Contest
31 Closing date AWA logs





The draft spectrum policy was communicated in SARL NEWS some weeks back and made available on the web for comment. It is of concern to the SARL that only one comment was received.

Hamvention 2010: Amateur Radio Clubs Worldwide: The Lifeline

"Amateur Radio Clubs Worldwide: The Lifeline" will be the theme of the 2010 Dayton Hamvention slated for next May, 14 to 16, at the Hara Arena in Dayton, Ohio. According to Assistant General Chairman Michael Kalter, W8CI, they all recognise how much amateur radio clubs and organizations contribute to the service. This is especially true in the way clubs pull together in disasters, field days, contests, working with youth, teaching classes, and sponsoring hamfests. And, says Kalter, there are parts of the world where a ham radio club truly is the communication link to the world.

In order to help celebrate the world of radio clubs, Hamvention planners are asking for pictures from radio clubs around the world that it can use on the front and back cover of the Hamvention 2010 programme magazine. It is also looking for stories of interest from interesting radio clubs as well.

G5RV's 1932 Logbook sells

On 1 October, the 1932 logbook of Louis Varney, G5RV, was put up for auction on eBay. Within a couple of days, the price reached £77 where it stayed until last Sunday. After some intense bidding, the logbook finally sold for £227.

The logbook shows that G5RV's final QSOs were on 11 January 2000. Ironically, the final entries appeared on page 73 of the logbook. Varney was, of course using a G5RV antenna that he designed for those final contacts. [IRTS Radio news]

DXCC News

YI/KV4EB DXCC credits. Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports DXCC credit for this operation originally noted dates from 20 April 2003 to 28 November 2003. An update to this operation has been received and the DXCC approval dates are now from 20 April 2003 to 9 January 2004. If you had this operation rejected due to this date issue you can fix it in one of two ways:

- 1) Send an email to dxcc@arrl.org
- 2) Select it in your next Logbook of The World application as logs will soon be uploaded.

This is ONLY if your QSO falls within the date period noted above.

DX from Africa

Seychelles, S7 - AF-024. S79MI will be the call sign of Mauro, HB9ENI, when he spends his holidays on Praslin Island (AF-024) from 21 to 26 October. He will work on SSB and RTTY on all bands (including 6 m) and plans to join the WW DX SSB as well. QSLs direct, via bureau or LoTW via his home call.





Swaziland, 3DA. Operators Andy, 3DA0TM, Dave, ZS6AVM, Dave, ZS6GF, and Daniel, ZS6JR, will be active as 3DA0WW in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via 3DA0TM

South Africa, ZS. The ZS9X contest station will be active during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as a Multi 2 station. Operators are Bernie, ZS4TX, John, ZS4S, Ronnie, ZS4RY, Dennis, ZS4BS, Shane, ZS4TW and Christo, ZS4O. QSL only via K3IRV

Canary Islands, AO8, (AF-004). Operators Pekka, OH1RY/EA8AH, Juan, EA8CAC, Manuel, EA8ZS, Salvador, EA5DY, Jaakko, OH1MA, Kari, OH3RB, Kari, OH5XT and Jussi-Pekka, OH6RZ will be active as AO8A during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via OH1RY.

Morocco, CN. M'hamed, CN8NK, in Rabat, will be active as CN4P during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as a Single-Op entry. QSL via EA5XX.

Jim, W7EJ will be active as CN2R during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via W7EJ.

Sudan, ST. Robert, S53R, will be active either as ST2KSS or ST2X (pending license) during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15 m, possibly 20 m) entry.

Ceuta and Melilla, EA9. A group of Spanish operators will be active as EE9Z during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as a Multi-2 or Multi-Single entry. QSL via EA9LZ.

Madagascar, 5R. Sam, G4OHX, will be active as 5R8HX from Madagascar (IOTA AF-013 and WLOTA L2455) between 28 December and 3 January 2010. Activity will be mainly CW. QSL via his home call sign direct only.

Mali, TZ. Mac Obara, ex JA8SLU, will be active from Mali from 2 to 23 November 2009 as TZ6JA. He will be active on SSB only, QSL direct only to his address in Japan - Mac Obara, PO Box 59, Tama, Tokyo, 206-8691 Japan.

Senegal, 6W. Jean Louis, 6W6JX, is setting up antennas on his new QTH and going to be very active starting the end of October 2009. He will be active on SSB and CW. Jean Lois will also have a contest call, 6V6A. QSL direct.

Mozambique, C9. Mike, ZS6TAF, will be active from Maputo, Mozambique, from time to time as C91BA. He is active on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 m. QSL via home call.

Gambia, C5. Andre, ON7YK, will be active from Gambia until 1 November 2009 as C56YK. He is active on the HF Bands using CW, SSB and PSK 31. QSL via home call bureau, direct, LOTW and eQSL

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 12 to 19 October 2009





Illinois QSO Party
17:00 UTC 18 October to 01:00 UTC
19 October
Mode: CW/digital, Phone
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6
and 2 m
Classes: Fixed; Mobile; Portable;
Rover; Non-IL
Exchange: IL: RS(T) and County;
non-IL: RS(T) and state, province or
country
Work stations: Once per band per
mode per county
QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO;
2 points per CW/digital QSO
Multipliers: IL Stations: Each IL
county, state or VE province once; IL
Stations: Each DXCC country (max of
5) once; non-IL Stations: Each IL
county once
Score Calculation: Total score = total
QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 19 November 2009
E-mail logs to: n9jf[at]arrl[dot]net
Mail logs to: WIARC, PO Box 3132,
Quincy IL 62305-3132, USA
Find rules at:
<http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP%202009%20Rules.pdf>

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
01:00 - 03:00 UTC 19 October
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m
Classes: Single Band; All Band
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or
country and Member No or power
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with
non-member; 3 points per QSO with
member on same continent; 5 points
per QSO with member on different
continent
Multipliers: Each state, province or
country once
Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members
worked
Score Calculation: Total score = total
QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 25 October 2009
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at:
<http://www.fpqr.com/autolog.php>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<http://www.fpqr.com/fpqrprun.php>

ARRL School Club Roundup
13:00 UTC 19 October to 24:00 UTC
23 October
Mode: CW/RTTY/Digital, Phone
Bands: All, except 30, 17 and 12 m
Classes: Single Op (I); Club/Multi-Op
(C); School Club/Group (S)
Max operating hours: 24 hours total;
6 hours out of any 24-hour period
with off times of at least 30 minutes
Exchange: RS(T), Class (I/C/S) and
state, province or country
Work stations: Once per mode
QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO;
2 points per CW/RTTY/digital QSO
Multipliers: States and VE provinces
and DXCC countries and (2x class C
QSOs) and (5x class S QSOs) and (5x
QSOs with KA2NRR)
Score Calculation: Total score = total
QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 23 November 2009
E-mail logs to: (none)
Mail logs to: School Club Roundup,
c/o Lew Malchick, N2RQ, Brooklyn
Technical HS, 29 Fort Greene Place,
Brooklyn, NY 11217, USA
Find rules at:
<http://www.arrl.org/SCR/rules/>

RSGB 80 m SSB Club Sprint
19:00 - 20:30Z 21 October
Mode: SSB
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: 100 W; 10 W
Exchange: other station's call, your
call, serial no and your name
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total
QSO points
Submit logs by: 28 October 2009



E-mail logs to:
cwsprint[dot]logs[at]rsgbhfcc[dot]org
Upload log at:
<http://www.vhfcc.org/cgi-bin/hfcover.pl>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<http://www.vhfcc.org/hfcc/rules/2009/rsprint.shtml>

NCCC Sprint
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 23 October
Mode: (see rules)
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Exchange: (see rules)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 25 October 2009
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at:
<http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.htm>

CQ Worldwide DX SSB Contest
00:00 UTC 24 October to 24:00 UTC 25 October
Mode: SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m
Classes: Single Op All Band (QRP/Low/High); Single Op Single Band (QRP/Low/High); Single Op Assisted All Band; Single Op Assisted Single Band; Xtreme Single Op; Multi-Single; Multi-Two; Multi-Multi; Xtreme Multi-Op
Max power: HP: 1500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: RS and CQ Zone No
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 0 points per QSO with same country (counts as mult); 1 point per QSO with different country same continent; 2 points per QSO with different country same continent (NA); 3 points per QSO with different continent

Multipliers: Each CQ zone once per band; Each country once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 1 December 2009
E-mail logs to: ssb[at]cqww[dot]com
Mail logs to: CQWW SSB, CQ Magazine, 25 Newbridge Road, Hicksville, NY 11801, USA
Find rules at:
http://www.cqww.com/2009_Rules_cqww.pdf
http://www.cqww.com/CQ_WW_Xtreme_Rules.pdf

10-10 International Fall CW Contest
00:01 UTC 24 October to 23:59 UTC 25 October
Mode: CW
Bands: 10 m Only
Classes: Individual; Club; QRP
Max power: non-QRP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Name and state, province or country and 10-10 number
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with a non-member; 2 points per QSO with a 10-10 member
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 9 November 2009
E-mail logs to:
tentencontest[at]roadrunner[dot]com
Mail logs to: Dan Morris, KZ3T, 131 Valencia Lane, Statsville, NC 28625 USA
Find rules at:
http://www.tenten.org/Forms/QSOPartyRules_05312009.pdf

10-10 International Fall Digital Contest
00:01 UTC 24 October to 23:59 UTC 25 October
Mode: Digital
Bands: 10 m Only
Classes: Individual; Club; QRP
Max power: non-QRP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts





Exchange: Name and state, province or country and 10-10 number
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with a non-member; 2 points per QSO with a 10-10 member
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 9 November 2009

E-mail logs to:
tentencontest[at]roadrunner[dot]com
Mail logs to: Dan Morris, KZ3T, 131 Valencia Lane, Statsville, NC 28625 USA
Find rules at:
http://www.ten-ten.org/Forms/QSOPartyRules_05312009.pdf

Next Week's Contests

SKCC Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 28 October
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 30 October
High Speed Club CW Contest, 09:00 - 11:00 UTC and 15:00 – 17:00 UTC 1 November
ARS Spartan Sprint, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 3 November

This week in History

1844 Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) established as a world Time Standard.
1910 First air-sea rescue using radio saves the crew of the airship America.
1922 BBC is formed in Britain.
[IRTS Radio news]

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